

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

CANBERRA - AUSTRALIA

Statement showing MINIMUM NOMINAL RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY TIME  
RATES FOR ADULT MALE WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
30TH JUNE, 1949.

Rates of Wage are quoted from latest Award, Determination or Agreement in  
force at 30th June, 1949.

SYDNEY

MELBOURNE

Industry & Occupation	Rate of Wages per week	Hours	Rate of Wages per week	Hours
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
<u>ENGINE -</u>	179/-	40	195/-	40
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	177/-	"	172/6	"
Chairmaker	177/-	"	172/6	"
Trunk Polisher	177/-	"	172/6	"
Wood Carver	177/-	"	172/6	"
Wood Polisher	177/-	"	155/- to 172/6	"
<u>SAWMILLING &amp; TIMBER WDS.</u>				
Plan and Case Maker	152/6	"	150/6	"
Labourer	135/-	"	133/-	"
Machinist	-	"	-	"
Boat's Carver	167/-	"	165/-	"
Planing	142/- to 167/-	"	140/- to 165/-	"
Planing	152/- & 167/-	"	150/- & 165/-	"
Shaping	167/-	"	165/-	"
Orderman	152/6	"	150/6	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	154/- to 175/-	"	to 175/-	"
Circular	154/- & 165/6	"	to 165/6	"
Tallyman	152/6	"	-	"

ENGINEERING METAL WORKS, ETC.

<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	179/-	40	177/-	40
Helper	150/-	"	148/-	"
Labourer	150/-	"	148/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>				
Finisher	164/- & 177/-	"	162/- to 177/-	"
Moulder	155/- to 175/-	"	152/- to 177/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Armature Winder	179/-	"	177/-	"
Fitter	179/-	"	177/-	"
Linesman	187/-	"	185/-	"
Mechanic	179/-	"	177/-	"
Wireman	167/-	"	165/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Armature Winder	191/-	"	187/-	"
Instrument Maker	191/-	"	188/6	"
Linesman	185/-	"	185/-	"
Shift Electrician	191/-	"	187/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	180/6	"	178/6	"
Brassfinisher	164/- to 179/-	"	162/- & 177/-	"
Coppersmith	180/6	"	178/6	"
Fitter	179/-	"	177/-	"
Labourer	150/-	"	148/-	"
Patternmaker	192/-	"	190/-	"
Shaper	164/- & 179/-	"	162/- & 177/-	"
Striker	150/- & 152/-	"	148/- & 150/-	"
Turner	179/-	"	177/-	"
<u>FOUNDING (IRON) -</u>				
Foreman	155/- to 179/-	"	152/- to 177/-	"
Labourer	150/-	"	148/-	"
Moulder	155/- to 179/-	"	153/- to 177/-	"

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
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ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (CONTD.)

<u>FOUNDING (STEEL) -</u>				
Foundryman	179/-	40	177/-	40
Labourer	150/-	"	148/-	"
Moulder	179/-	"	177/-	"
<u>STEEL METAL WORKING -</u>				
Chamber Maker	153/-	"	151/-	"
Machinist	149/-	"	147/-	"
Solderer	149/- to 153/-	"	147/- to 151/-	"
Tinsmith	164/- to 179/-	"	162/- to 177/-	"

FOOD, DRINK ETC.

<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	182/-	40	185/4	40
Bread Carter (1 horse)	165/6	"	148/6	"
Ovensman	189/6	"	185/4	"
Single Hand	187/-	"	194/6	"
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES)</u>				
Baker	159/6	"	159/-	"
General Labourer	133/-	"	142/-	"
Mixer	148/- & 152/-	"	158/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	151/- & 154/6	"	154/3	"
Driver (1 horse)	154/-	"	148/6	"
Labourer	151/-	"	151/-	"
Malt Hand	151/-	"	151/-	"
Towerman	154/-	"	155/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	154/-	"	152/-	"
General Hand	172/-	"	170/-	"
Shopman	172/-	"	172/-	"
Smallgoodsman	177/-	"	173/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Journeyman	169/-	"	167/-	"
Labourer	145/-	"	145/-	"
Storeman	145/- & 169/-	"	172/9	"
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	145/-	"	145/-	"
Solderer	152/-	"	152/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	166/6	"	175/6	"
Guillotine Hand	142/-	"	175/6	"
Jockeyman	159/-	"	175/6	"
Packer	145/-	"	175/6	"
Seamer	166/6	"	175/6	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	180/- & 190/6	"	180/- & 190/6	"
Packerman	164/-	"	164/-	"
Purifierman	165/-	"	165/-	"
Smuttermen	165/-	"	165/-	"
Storeman (Head)	167/- & 172/-	"	167/- & 172/-	"
Topman	165/-	"	165/-	"
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	148/6	"	135/-	"
Pastrycook	168/6	"	162/-	"

CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.

<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Bootmaker	161/-	40	161/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	205/6	"	191/-	"
Pressor	167/-	"	167/-	"
Tailor	177/-	"	177/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	161/-	"	161/-	"
Pressor	167/-	"	167/-	"
Tailor	177/-	"	177/-	"

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CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC. (CONTD.)				
CLOTHING (TAILORING) Contd.				
Tailor	170/-	30	170/-	
Man (General)				
Jacket	159/-	"	159/-	"
Man	151/-	"	151/-	"
Sleeve (General)	127/-	"	127/-	"
Sleeve	124/- to 161/-	"	124/- to 161/-	"
Sleeve	139/-	"	139/-	"
Sleeve	134/- to 159/-	"	134/- to 159/-	"
Sleeve	146/-	"	146/-	"
BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING ETC.				
Bookbinding (journeyman)	177/6	40	175/6	40
Paper Ruler	177/6	"	175/6	"
PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)				
Compositor -				
Day Work	253/-	"	181/- to 184/-	38
Night Work	258/-	"	196/- to 209/-	"
Machinist -				
Day Work	213/-	"	194/-	38
Night Work	228/-	"	209/-	38
Publisher -	190/6 & 205/6	"	181/- to 176/6	38 & 40
Reader -				
Day Work	220/6	"	181/6	40
Night Work	225/6	"	181/6	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	208/-	"	181/6	39
Night Work	223/-	"	181/6	38
PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES)				
Compositor	177/6 to 188/-	"	181/- to 186/-	40
Linotype Operator	188/-	"	181/-	"
Machinist	177/6	"	175/6	"
Reader	181/-	"	175/-	"
Stereotyper	177/6	"	175/6	"
OTHER MANUFACTURING				
BRICKMAKING -				
Burner	152/- & 157/-	40	149/-	40
Clayholer	164/3	"	149/-	"
Drayer	170/-	"	149/3 & 165/6	"
Grubber	181/6	"	157/6	"
Setter	170/-	"	164/3 & 172/9	"
COACHMAKING -				
Bodymaker	175/-	"	171/-	"
Labourer	130/-	"	127/-	"
Painter	152/6 to 170/6	"	127/- to 142/-	"
Springmaker	171/-	"	171/6	"
Trimmer	173/6	"	171/6	"
Wheelwright	173/6	"	171/6	"
GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -				
Gas fitter	154/-	"	149/-	"
Gasfitter	183/-	"	182/-	"
Labourer	148/-	"	142/-	"
Meter Tester	154/- to 162/-	"	142/2	"
Service Layer	168/-	"	165/-	"
Service Layers' Labourer	146/-	"	152/-	"
Stoker	165/-	"	163/-	"
JEWELLERY -				
Chainmaker	177/-	"	177/-	"
Mounter	177/-	"	177/-	"
Setter	185/-	"	167/6	"

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OTHER MANUFACTURING (CONTD.)				
<b>SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING</b>				
Sellar Maker	167/-	40	165/-	40
Harness Maker	167/-	"	165/-	"
<b>PAINTING AND CURRYING -</b>				
Beams	162/-	"	160/-	"
Labourer	136/-	"	136/-	"
Limeman	155/-	"	153/-	"
Machinist -				
Shaving	163/- to 169/-	"	161/- to 167/-	"
Splitting	169/- to 176/-	"	167/- to 174/-	"
Unhauling	162/-	"	160/-	"
Tableman	157/- & 163/-	"	155/- & 161/-	"
<b>BUILDING</b>				
Bricklayer	193/-	40	200/10	40
Carpenter	193/-	"	186/6	"
Mason (Stone)	217/8	"	217/9	"
Painter	185/-	"	201/-	"
Paperhanger	185/-	"	181/-	"
Signwriter	192/4	"	202/-	"
Plasterer	193/-	"	202/-	"
Plumber	194/-	"	196/11	"
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	152/6	"	150/6	"
Carpenter's	152/6	"	150/6	"
Concrete Worker	152/6	"	150/6	"
Earth Excavator	152/6	"	150/6	"
Gear Worker	161/6	"	159/6	"
Scaffold Hand	161/6	"	158/6	"
<b>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES.</b>				
<b>RAILWAYS</b>				
Engine Driver Loco -				
1st Class	216/- & 219/-	"	215/- & 216/-	"
2nd Class	210/-	"	204/-	"
3rd Class	201/-	"	197/-	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	169/- & 172/-	"	165/- to 166/-	"
2nd Class	165/-	"	161/-	"
3rd Class	162/-	"	147/-	"
Guard -				
1st Class	183/6	"	182/6	"
2nd Class	174/6 & 177/6	"	165/- to 175/6	"
3rd Class	172/-	"	167/- to 176/6	"
Porter	143/- to 170/6	"	140/6	"
Shunter				
1st Class	182/- & 185/-	"		
2nd Class	174/6 & 177/6	"		
3rd Class	155/- to 167/6	"	154/-	"
Signalman -				
1st Class	194/-	"	187/6	"
2nd Class	188/-	"	174/6	"
3rd Class	182/-	"	166/6	"
<b>TRAMWAYS</b>				
Conductor				
1st Year	145/-	"	148/-	"
2nd Year	154/-	"	152/-	"
3rd Year	154/-	"	154/-	"
Labourer	135/-	"	142/-	"
Maintenance Man	144/- & 147/-	"	151/-	"
Motorman				
1st Year	157/-	"	148/-	"
2nd Year	157/-	"	154/-	"
3rd Year	157/-	"	154/-	"
Tramman	160/-	"	162/-	"

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 horse	153/-	40	148/6	40
2 horses	158/-	"	156/6	"
Stable hand	152/6 & 157/6	"	153/-	"
Motor Lorries & Waggon -				
under 3 tons	155/- to 165/-	"	172/9	"
3 tons and over	169/- to 173/-	"	182/9	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (Per hour)	5/1		5/1	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	143/-	40	155/-	40
Billiard Marker	138/6	"	145/-	"
Cook	149/6 to 273/9	"	155/- to 195/-	"
Handyman	138/6	"	143/-	"
Kitchenman	140/6	"	145/-	"
Porter	138/6 & 141/6	"	145/-	"
Waiter	138/6 & 145/6	"	145/- & 155/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING</u>				
Full hand	174/6	"	183/6	"
Hairdresser	164/6	"	174/-	"
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	164/- & 170/6	40	162/- & 168/6	40
2nd Class	159/- & 164/-	"	157/- & 162/-	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	159/-	"	157/-	"
2nd Class	154/-	"	152/-	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	150/-	"	144/6	"
Street Sweeper	150/-	"	144/6	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	169/-	"	162/-	"
Drapery Salesman	169/-	"	162/-	"
Furniture Salesman	169/-	"	162/-	"
Grocery Salesman	169/-	"	158/-	"
Hardware Salesman	169/-	"	162/-	"
Mens Clothing Salesman	169/-	"	162/-	"
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	153/6 & 156/6	"	152/-	"
Storeman (General)	152/- & 154/6	"	152/-	"

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